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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION IN EVENT OF  
A SERIOUS EARTHQUAKE IN PEKING

REF: (1) SEOUL 277 (NOTAL) (2) STATE 1857 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL 2 DESIGNATED SEOUL AS AUTHORIZED SAFEHAVEN FOR  
PEKING, AND USLO APPRECIATES SEOUL'S PROMPT OFFER OF  
ASSISTANCE IN EVENT OF NATURAL DISASTER. AT PRESENT MOST  
USLO PERSONNEL DO NOT RPT NOT HOLD VALID ROK ENTRY VISAS.  
DOES SEOUL ANTICIPATE PROBLEM IF EVACUATED PERSONNEL WERE  
TO ARRIVE WITHOUT VISAS, EITHER BY DIRECT U.S. MILITARY  
FLIGHT FROM PEKING OR COMMERCIAL FLIGHT FROM TOKYO?

2. CONCERNING EVACUATION TRANSPORTATION, USLO ASSUMES THAT  
IN EVENT OF NONDEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE, COMMERCIAL AIRLINES  
WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND USLO EVACUEES WILL FLY  
FROM PEKING TO TOKYO WITH ONWARD FLIGHT TO SEOUL.

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UNDER MORE SERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, IF COM-  
MERCIAL AIRLINES HAVE CEASED OPERATIONS, USLO WOULD  
HAVE TO DEPEND UPON U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT EVACUATING  
PERSONNEL FROM PEKING TO TOKYO OR DIRECT TO SEOUL.  
FYI: USLO HAS LOOKED INTO POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING  
AIRCRAFT, I.E., JAL, BUT LENGTHY DELAY IN COORDINATING  
FLIGHT MEANS THAT CHARTERING WOULD BE SOUGHT ONLY IF

OTHER FLIGHTS NOT POSSIBLE.

3. INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL 1, PARA 3-B, FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING PURPOSES IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF U.S. EVACUEES 70

B. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BRITISH EVACUEES 120

AMERICAN EVACUEES CONSISTING OF THIRTY FAMILIES WOULD INCLUDE DEPENDENTS AND SOME EMPLOYEES. DEPENDENTS WOULD INCLUDE FIVE INFANTS. THERE IS POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF NEW ZEALAND, CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY STAFF AND DEPENDENTS. HOWEVER, THESE EVACUEES AS WELL AS BRITISH WOULD PROBABLY NOT REMAIN AT SEOUL.

4. REFTEL 1, PARA 3-C, THERE MIGHT BE AN INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFANTS' FOODS, BUT NO SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FORESEEN UNLESS EVACUEES HAVE BEEN INJURED AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED. IN ANY EVENT, USLO WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT SEOUL AND TOKYO IN ADVANCE FOR ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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